

OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry is governed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association. The main functions of the Board are to regulate the dental profession and protect the public in matters related to dentistry. The Board is self-supporting and does not receive a general fund tax appropriation.

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ONLINE DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE RENEWAL

All Kentucky dental hygiene licenses will expire on December 31, 2010 and must be properly renewed before that date. Licensees can renew their dental hygiene licenses online at <http://dentistry.ky.gov>; renewing a dental hygiene license online is fast, convenient, and secure. Online renewals are projected to be available starting October 27th and will be available until December 31, 2010. However, all licensees should make sure their renewal is completed and received by the Board office by December 15, 2010 to ensure that it is processed before the end of the renewal period.

The renewal fee is \$110 for the biennial period (2011-2012). According to KRS 313.030 (5), an application for renewal of a license or registration shall be completed online or if a **written request is made to the Board prior to November 1st** of the year of expiration, a paper application shall be sent to the last known address of each licensee requesting a paper application.

All licensees are required to complete their own renewal applications, and will verify this by signing the renewal application (online renewals require electronic signature). Applicants who attempt to obtain a license fraudulently are subject to discipline by the Board, as stated in KRS 313.080(2)(b).

Renewal/reinstatement fees are:

January 1 st – 15 th	\$240
January 16 th – 31 st	\$370
On or after February 1 st	\$630

All dentists' licenses will expire on December 31, 2011; dentists cannot renew their licenses in 2010.

Coming Soon...

Online voting will be available for the second dental hygiene position on the Board. Stay current by visiting:
<http://dentistry.ky.gov> .

CHANGES TO THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

201 KAR 8:530E Section 9 and 201 KAR 8:560E Section 5 became effective July 15, 2010, changing the requirements for continuing education. All dentists and dental hygienists are still required to obtain 30 hours of continuing education (based on clock hours of attendance) every two years. **A minimum of 10 hours must be taken in a live interactive presentation format.**

However, there are no longer “B” or “C” categories; the Board no longer issues approvals for continuing education courses (except as otherwise required in statute or regulation). Under the new law, a C.E. course is acceptable based on its ***content or subject matter***. All continuing education courses must relate to or advance the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene and be useful to the licensee's practice of dentistry or dental hygiene.

There is no limit on the number of hours which can be obtained by courses including content designed to increase:

- Competency in treating patients who are medically compromised or who experience medical emergencies during the course of dental treatment
- Knowledge of pharmaceutical products and the protocol of the proper use of medications
- Competence to diagnose oral pathology (for dentists only)
- Awareness of currently accepted methods of infection control
- Knowledge of basic medical and scientific subjects including, but not limited to, biology, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, pharmacology, epidemiology, and public health
- Knowledge of clinical and technological subjects including, but not limited to, clinical techniques and procedures, materials, and equipment
- Knowledge of subjects pertinent to patient management, safety, and oral healthcare

A maximum of ten (10) hours total may be taken which contain the following content:

- Increase competency in assisting in mass casualty or mass immunization situations
- Increase of clinical skills through the volunteer of clinical charitable dentistry which meets the requirements of KRS 313.254
- Increase knowledge of office business operations and best practices
- Participation in dental or dental hygiene association or society business meetings

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

It is the sole responsibility of each licensee to obtain a certificate verifying participation in continuing education courses and activities.

Certificates must contain the following information:

- The signature of or verification by the provider
- The name of the licensee in attendance
- The title of the course or meeting attended or completed
- The date of attendance or completion
- The number of hours earned (based on clock hours of attendance)
- Evidence of the method of delivery *if the course was taken in a live interactive presentation format.*

Licensees must keep this documentation for a minimum of five (5) years. **Each licensee is subject to audit of proof of C.E. compliance by the Board.**

For updates and detailed information, please visit dentistry.ky.gov/ce/.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

In an effort to be more transparent to the public, the Board voted on November 8, 2008 to post in full a PDF file of the Final Order for all final Board actions taken from July 1, 2008 forward. Therefore, this section will now contain only the name and case number for individuals against whom the Board has taken action, except in cases where more information must be published pursuant to a final order. The full final order for each of these cases is available at the Board's website, <http://dentistry.ky.gov>, under the *Complaints and Discipline* tab on the left-hand side of the page. Authority for the online distribution of public records is granted by KRS 61.874(6).

Settlement Agreements

08-025	Kenneth Sutton	10-047-4598	Charles D. Howard Jr.
08-158	Don C. Keen	10-047-4737	Kenneth E. Bewley
10-003D	Shelly Tretter	10-047-4769	Vivian C. McCann
10-003-E	Jennifer Mosey Miller	10-047-5029	John H. Spain
10-004D	Kathy L Brown 1607	10-047-5120	John D. Mountjoy
10-045-3136	Kenneth H. Reeves	10-047-5253	John T. Nichols
10-045-4177	Willard L. Mahan	10-047-5266	Stephen P. Shinkle
10-045-4524	Burton Young	10-047-5398	David Embry
10-045-4563	Mark W. Bothwell	10-047-5427	Stephen E. Wilhoite
10-045-4643	Larry K. Stroud	10-047-5608	Delores M. O'Daniel
10-045-4905	Fred M. Wilbur	10-047-5634	Kenneth W. Whittenburg
10-045-4998	Joan R. Wimsatt	10-047-5651	Lisa A. Bauman
10-045-5126	William L. Mills	10-047-5812	Marc K. Schneider
10-045-5249	Michael Roy Smith	10-047-5832	Jamie S. Gross
10-045-5404	Crispin V. Cloud	10-047-5861	Jeffrey L. Turner
10-045-5622	David H. Smith	10-047-5863	Timothy J. Lutes
10-045-5648	Stephen K. Rhodes	10-047-5887	Walton L. Van Hoose
10-045-5700	William R. Johnson	10-047-5981	David L. Shutt
10-045-5937	Michael W. Hubbard	10-047-6085	Meribeth Sabo
10-045-6023	Charlene L. Minton	10-047-6269	Lisa G. Klemen
10-045-6284	Elizabeth Faulkner	10-047-6378	Mitchell Patton
10-045-6423	Shelley Ann Tretter	10-047-6382	Lisa Sholar Boyer
10-045-6443	Kimberly Foushee	10-047-6385	Bruce Alan Mater
10-045-6503	J. Robert Foote Jr.	10-047-6489	Walter E. Fox
10-045-6533	George Thomas Ransdell	10-047-6722	Daniella Kuftinec Shields
10-045-6595	Patricia Wynne Tucker	10-047-6856	Poupak D. Bayat
10-045-6974	Pamela Denise Attaway	10-047-6870	Huong D. Kelly
10-045-7050	Kathryn Lefevers	10-047-6876	Rhnea Combs Taylor
10-045-7169	Deborah Fletcher	10-047-6942	Brian Tory Heine
10-045-7822	Mary A. Gebhardt	10-047-6961	William Donald McAlpin
10-045-8261	James Adam Robinson	10-047-6981	Loretta Noble Babalmoradi
10-045-8286	Curtis R. Zimmerman	10-047-7097	Scott Douglas Seitzinger
10-045-8442	James A. D'anna	10-047-7142	Pete George Fotos
10-045-8447	Omar M. Shariff	10-047-7216	Tabatha Jay Mann Adams
10-045-8454	Ali Villa Navigar	10-047-7547	John Alan Anderson
10-045-8578	Andrew Michael Whitaker	10-047-7590	Thomas Cranfill
10-045-8641	Jonathan S. Reynolds	10-047-7645	Christopher Scott Corder
10-047-3505	John D. Helton	10-047-7844	Melissa Hall Murray
10-047-3518	Jerry J. Mills	10-047-7872	Misty Griffin
10-047-3762	William H. Funk	10-047-7875	Phillipe Bernaby Bautista
10-047-3996	Larry M. Elliott	10-047-7915	Katherine Heggsted Martin
10-047-4224	David H. Martin	10-047-8218	Kenneth Hall mays Jr.
10-047-4255	William M. Epstein	10-047-8561	Kristin Renee Compton
10-047-4300	Kenneth J. Smith	10-047-8695	Joshua James McAlpin
10-047-4399	Steven A. Ross	10-047-8697	Michael J. Grau Jr.
10-047-4491	Dale P. Evans	10-047-8711	Larry D. Shapiro

A note from the President...

I became president of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry in July. It certainly has been an eventful year.

When I was appointed to the Board of Dentistry, I was unaware we were in the process of re-writing the Dental Practice Act. To the people who worked on drafting this legislation, Board members and staff, KDA representatives, KDHA representatives, people from the universities and colleges, and Public Health who spent an enormous amount of time and effort meeting and working cooperatively, mere words cannot reflect my admiration and gratitude. What an undertaking...thank you!

A new Dental Practice Act might seem threatening, but it is, for the most part, a revision or reorganization. As evidenced by the Town Hall comments and the Formal comments received on August 31, there are only a few widespread concerns. One was the Sedation Regulation, but it is still being discussed in committee and the final version has not been released. The other large point of contention was the registration of dental assistants, which historically has been part of the law; therefore registration was not negotiable. Through the process we have reached a compromise that I believe is as minimally burdensome on the practitioners as possible. The assistants will be registered on the dentist's license application similar to what was done in the past with dental laboratories. No additional fee will be charged and assistants that perform "trained" procedures such as radiographs, coronal polishing, and/or IV line placement will be designated on the application. Please visit our website <http://dentistry.ky.gov> for full details.

Mr. William Bausch has been added to the Board staff as full time counsel. With the new Dental Practice Act as with any new law, issues regarding interpretation will arise. Mr. Bausch plans to assist the Board with issuing *Board Advisory Opinions* in response to a majority of such matters. These opinions will be part of Bill's proactive approach to support practitioners in their efforts to be compliant with the law.

While our charge at the Board of Dentistry remains to "Protect the Public," it is also my goal to assist you, the practicing dentists and hygienists (and now assistants), in providing the highest quality care for the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

C. Mark Fort D.M.D.
Owensboro, KY

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On September 22, 2010, the Governor made new Board appointments to fill the seats whose terms were due to expire on June 30, 2010. The Board is excited to welcome Adam K. Rich, DMD appointed to the seat for Zone 3 (Northern Kentucky); Robert B. Zena, DMD appointed to the seat for Zone 1 (Greater Louisville) and Mary Ann Burch, RDH appointed to the Dental Hygienist seat #1.

We are grateful to departing Board Members Hank Sleet, DMD, MD; Jim Allen DMD and Dianne Embry RDH for their time and efforts in service to the Board and the Commonwealth.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The Board will run routine background checks on dentists and dental hygienists who already hold a Kentucky license each time they renew their license. Under KRS 313.080 *Grounds for discipline or for revocation or suspension of license or registration – criminal prosecution*, the Board is charged with obtaining accurate information on all licensees:

- (1) No person shall . . . (d) Maintain any license or certificate authorized by this chapter if convicted of, having entered a guilty plea to, having entered an Alford plea to, or having completed a diversion program for a Class A, B, or C felony offense on or after the date of initial licensure or registration.*
- (2) Persons licensed or registered by the board or who are applicants for licensure or registration by the board shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board if they . . . (g) Are convicted of a misdemeanor which involved acts which bear directly on the qualifications or ability of the applicant, licensee, or certified person to practice the discipline for which the person is an applicant, licensee, or certified person;*
- (h) Are convicted of a misdemeanor which involved fraud, deceit, breach of trust, or physical harm or endangerment to self or others, acts which bear directly on the qualifications or ability of the applicant, licensee, or certificate holder to practice acts in the license or registration held or sought;*
- (i) Are convicted of a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510 involving a patient . . .*

The most efficient and reliable method is to work in association with the Administrative Office of the Courts. At each and every renewal cycle respectively, the Board will receive a copy of a background check **at no cost to the dentist or dental hygienist**. Each licensee will receive a copy of the criminal background when it is completed.



JEFFERSON COUNTY SURVEY

The Louisville Primary Care Association is asking dentists in Jefferson County to participate in the Primary Care Workforce Study. This information will be used to document the demands on primary care physicians and dentists, enabling the Louisville Primary Care Association to effectively advocate for local medical and dental professionals and the patients who require their services. Strict standards of confidentiality will be applied to all personally identifiable information.

Please visit <http://www.reachoflouisville.com/>

EMAIL NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY CHANGES

For more information on the registration of dental assistants, sedation permits and other new laws, you may subscribe to the Board's regulations listserv to be notified by email of any regulatory changes filed with the Legislative Research Commission. Just send a blank email to join-kbd-regs@listserv.ky.gov.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name _____ License # _____ ☐ Dentist ☐ Hygienist

Preferred Mailing Address for Dentists ☐ Business ☐ Residence

Business Address:

Name of Business (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ KY County: _____

Residence Address:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ KY County: _____

Under KRS 313.080, licensees who fail to notify the Board in writing of any address changes within 30 days of that change "shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board."
You may submit your address change online at <http://dentistry.ky.gov/address.htm>